उपसभापति : हुकूमत की तरफ से कोई बोल रहा है ।

She is speaking. Don't interrupt her. Let her react on it. She cannot react... (*Interruptions*)... She voluntarily reacted. I don't ask generally the Minister to react.

SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA : Madam, I want to point out that this issue has been raised in a big way in the Karnataka Assembly. It was discussed in detail and the Government had assured that a probe was being ordered in to the incident and they would come back to the House in Karnataka itself on the issue. Therefore, I don't think that there is any need to say that nothing has been done. It has rocked the Karnataka Assembly and reports have come that the Government had promised to look into the whole incident and come back to the Assembly.

SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA : What are you going to do about it ? (*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN :

अभी बोल तो दिया है ।

She has said about it What more can she say ? (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Madam, I want to raise a very important issue.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : What is it ?

Re. A Loan of Rs. 2 crores allegedly given to the company of P.M.'s son

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA (Rajasthan) : The Janakiraman Committee report on the securities scam, the 4th report, has come. It has confirmed the charges that had been published in the *Indian Express* which Mrs Margaret Alva wanted us to ignore. Now, it is not a question of *Indian Express*. The Janakiraman Committee has confirmed that a loan of Rs. 2 crores was given to the company of the Prime Minister's son. If the Government still wants to keep quiet on it, adverse inference...(*Interruptions*...

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN (Tamil Nadu) : Why should he raise it again and again here ? (*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : That matter has been raised many time in the House and again and again you raise that issue in the House... (*Interruptions*)...

श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज : (हरियाणा) कम्पनी से ज्यादा शेयर हैं इनके पास । (व्यवधान)

श्री दिग्विजय सिंह : (बिहार) जब तब यह सवाल हल नहीं होगा तब तक यह सवाल हर रोज उठता रहेगा । (व्यवधान)

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : I am not interested... (*Interruptions*)... They don't believe the press. Now they say, they don't believe Janakiraman. We have to believe somebody in this country The Deputy Governor of the Researve Bank of India, Mr. Janakiraman, has made a finding that a loan was given by the scam-tainted broker to the company belonging to the Prime Minister's son. Madam, now they are trying to say...(*Interruptions*). I will take one minute. Now, they are trying to say that the loan was given to another director of the company in his personal capacity. Madam, only those who do not know Company Law can talk like that. If a loan is given to a public limited company, it can never be for a director. It will be a gross violation of the Companies Act. That cannot be done. If a loan is given to a company, it has to be for the benefit of the company. It cannot be for the benefit of a director. Now, they want to say that the loan was for the benefit of another director and not for the Prime Minister's son. Madam, I am not on technicalities. It is a very serious matter.. The credibility of the Prime Minister is at stake. The Government should come out ...(*Interruptions*). I am not concerned ...(*Interruptions*). If the allegation is false, I will be happy. (*Interruptions*).

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Shri Vishvjit P Singh. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Madam, I am not making any personal charge. The fact is, detailed reports with photostat copies have been published in the newspapers. The reaction of the Minister of *State in the Ministry of Personnel, Public* Grievances and Pensions was very sad. She is trying to tell us, ignore what the

Indian Express says. Madam, in a democracy... (*Interruptions*).

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT MARGARET ALVA) : I said, we shall go to the JPC with all the information. Let the JPC look into the matter. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : If they don't want to ...(*Interruptions*)... the *Indian Express*, they don't want democracy. The news papers are central to the functioning of any democracy. Members are entitled to quote from the newspapers. It is not a question of the *Indian Express*. *The Indian Express* has given further details today. The Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India, Mr. Janakiraman, who has got an ongoing Committee on the securities scam has given his fourth report. It has been published in all the newspapers. This report confirms the very allegations that are contained in the *Indian Express*. The Govenment must come out with a statement and say whatever they want to say. Let the Goverment say that the loan was for the benefit of somebody else. It will be a violation of the Companies Act. We will know where we stand. The Government cannot keep quite. (*Interruptions*). The Government cannot say, forget the *Indian Express* ...(*Interruptions*).

SHRI VISHVJIT P. SINGH (Maharashtra) : Madam, the fact is this. There is a total distortion, a complete distortion, which is going on. The Janakiraman Report does not indict the Prime Minister's son at all. This report ...(*Interruptions*).

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : I have never said that. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI VISHVJIT P. SINGH : I did not interrupt you when you spoke. I will be grateful... (*Interruptions*).

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Madam, he is accusing me. He is accusing me of distortion. Madam, I have never said that the report indicts the Prime Minister's son. If the report indicts the Prime Minister's son... (*Interruptions*).

SHRI VISHVJIT P. SINGH : It is very clear... (*Interruptions*).

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : He is misquoting me. I did not say that the report indicts the Prime Minister's son. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI VISHVJIT P. SINGH : Madam, I would like to make it clear. He does not say that the loan was given to a company. It makes it very clear that the loan... (*Interruptions*). I may mention here that the loan was taken by a director of a company... (*Interruptions*).

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Is it a clarification on behalf of the Government ? (*Interruptions*).

SHRI VISHVJIT P. SINGH : No, I have to say.. (*Interruptions*). Don't interrupt me. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Let the Government say something. (*Interruptions*).

SMT. MARGARET ALVA : Madam, I was... (*Interruptions*).

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Mrs. Alva, if a Minister gets up, it is the convention of this House to give preference to the Minister. Mrs. Alva, please don't argue. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : She wanted us to ignore the newspapers. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH (West Bengal) : I think, Mrs. Alva has forgotten that she is a Minister. She forgets it very often.

SMT. MARGARET ALVA : There is nothing to forget. (*Interruptions*). It is not that only you can speak all the time. (*Interruptions*). We have also the right to speak. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Madam, the Janakiraman Committee Report has come... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH (Bihar) : Why are you scared ? ... (*Interruptions*) ...

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Madam, Ms. Jayalalitha has withdrawn her support for the minority Government. They must know their limitations... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY (Pondicherry) : They are raising the issue again and again... (*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Mr. Narayanasamy, please sit down. Just a minute... (*Interruptions*)... Mr. Vishvjit P. Singh had taken my permission to say something. But subsequently, if a Minister wants to get up and say something on behalf of the Government, it is the convention in this House or in any House that the Chair should permit him. That is why I am permitting him.

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Correct ...(*Interruptions*) ...

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI N.K.P. SALVE) : Madam, I have not read the Janakiraman Committee Report. Therefore, I have nothing to say about it. I am on a very limited question Hon. Member Mr. Kamal Morarka referred to the position in the Companies Act. I have seen some documents and on the basis of those documents I am submitting. It is absolutely correct. In Company Law loan given to a company is a concept entirely different from capital of the company. To that extent he is right. But the crucial question is, and he would know better than anyone of us here, that the amount in the books of account of the company was not credited to ABFSL but it was credited to an account, Capital Subscription Account. When the amount is credited to Capital Subscription Account it is held by the company under a fiduciary capacity. It cannot have any beneficial interest and thereafter once the amount is transferred to the capital account, then the shareholder comes, in his capacity as a shareholder. Therefore, to say that it was a loan to the company, I submit is factually incorrect and in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act so long as the money remains in Share Subscription Account it is not for the benefit of the company. The company holds it in fiduciary capacity... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Thank you. He just confirmed exactly what I wanted to say. He says that the money is not for the personal benefit of any director... (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : If you are satisfied... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Mr. Salve is correct. But I am not going into the technicalities whether it is a loan or not. The transaction has taken place between Hiten Dalal and the company...(*Interruptions*)... You cannot say... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI N.K.P. SALVE : It is wrong to say that the amount was given as a loan to the company... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : What is the transaction... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI VISHVJIT P. SINGH : May I say one thing... (*Interruptions*) ...

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : There is a transaction between Goldstar Steel and Alloy Ltd. and Hiten Dalal. This is what I am concerned with. The nexus is established... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI VISHVJIT P. SINGH : Mr. Morarka, will you please allow me to speak ?... (*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : It is not for him to allow you to speak. It is for me to allow you to speak and I am allowing you... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI VISHVJIT P. SINGH : I would like to point out that ABFSL was asked for money by a director. Not by the company but by a director. That gentleman asked for that money from ABFSL as loan and for which he pledged his personal securities in other companies according to the law—according to the Company Law. He gave securities and took that loan from ABFSL. ABFSL took that money on the other hand from a party... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Which party... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI VISHVJIT P. SINGH : Whoever it may be—X, Y, Z...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : That is the crux of the matter...(*Interruption*)...

SHRI VISHVJIT P. SINGH : I seek your protection, Madam... (*Interruptions*) ...Whenever I go to the bank to take a loan, the bank does not tell me where that money has come from. It just gives me the loan. ABFSL was in between the two parties. It did not disclose to either of the parties... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Madam, ABFSL is a subsidiary of Andhra Bank ...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA (West Bengal) : Madam, I am on a point of order... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI VISHVJIT P. SINGH : If every transaction taken by any individual is scrutinised... (*Interruptions*).

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : It has to be.

SHRI VISHVJIT P. SINGH : Then you cannot make a connection between a loan which is granted by a bank to an individual and deposits or advances made... (*Interruptions*).

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : I have a point of order... (*Interruptions*).

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA (Bihar) : Mr. Vishvjit Singh is speaking... (*Interruptions*).

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Every transaction has to be scrutinised... (*Interruptions*).

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA : He is speaking neither on the authority of knowledge nor is he speaking on the authority of office... (*Interruptions*). He has neither the authority of office nor the authority of the Government. So, he should better sit down... (*Interruptions*).

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : I am on a point of order.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Now, there is no discussion and there is no point of order... (*Interruptions*).

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : Please listen to me... (*Interruptions*) Madam, on a point of order.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : No... (*Interruptions*) Just a minute... (*Interruptions*). Please take your seat. This matter is being raised in this House again and again and the complaint was that the Government is not reacting. That was the desire. Now the Government reacted ... (*Interruptions*).

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA : It is only a theoretical point... (*Interruptions*). He has only given a theoretical explanation ... (*Interruptions*). Mr. Salve has given only a theoretical statement... (*Interruptions*).

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Will you please take your seat ? (*Interruptions*).

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Mr. Salve can always explain that a loan is not a loan... (*Interruptions*).

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Mr. Dipen Ghosh, one minute... (*Interruptions*).

श्री दिग्विजय सिंह : सरकार उसका जवाब देगी । (व्यवधान)

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : Madam, I am on a point of order.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Just a minute, please. Let me finish. Then, you can raise... (*Interruptions*).

आप जरा बैठिये (व्यवधान)

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : He is a member of the JPC... (*Interruptions*).

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Whatever it is... (*Interruptions*). Just a minute ... (*Interruptions*).

SHRI P. UPENDRA (Andhra Pradesh): How can it be the Government's response? (*Interruptions*).

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : If the Government doesn't give a statement, we cannot allow the proceedings... (*Interruptions*).

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : Madam, will you allow my point of order ?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Let me finish. You wanted the Government to,

react. The Chair is not responsible for what the Government said. It is the Government's viewpoint and the Government said what they felt. He has said that... (*Interruptions*).

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA : Madam, you said that this matter has been raised in this House repeatedly over a number of days and it is most unfortunate that the Government is not coming out with an authoritative statement. Mr. Salve's statement here cannot be taken to be the Government statement because (1) I do not know whether he is entitled to speak on behalf of the Government in this matter and (2) he was only getting up on the basis of his personal knowledge and giving explanation of the Company Law in response to what Mr. Morarka said. Now, Madam, let me... (*Interruptions*).

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : The House is being misled by the statement that has been made by Mr. Salve and by the subsequent statement made by another hon. Member because, Madam, on the first issue, the question that arises is, why Mr. Hiten Dalal felt interested to advance two crores of rupees to a relation of the Prime Minister ? What was the interest ? (*Interruptions*). What was the interest ? (*Interruptions*).

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : He is a member of the JPC... (*Interruptions*).

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Now, we cannot take up that matter like this ... (*Interruptions*)....

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : What we want is a statement from the Government. Mr. Salve has been kind enough...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Please take your seat... (*Interruptions*).

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI (Karnataka) : Madam, for a change, you must listen to those who have got weak lungs. Those who have strong lungs always take your ears.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : I think my lungs are also becoming very weak. So, please let us close this chapter.

SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ : It cannot be closed like this... (*Interruptions*).

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Mr. Salve has not made a statement on behalf of the Government. He has very skilfully, I concede, tried to convince us that a loan is not a loan. And I concede his superiority in that. But the issue is not whether it is a loan or a grant. The issue is, was there a transaction between a scam-tainted broker and the Prime Minister's son's company ? Now, it is very clear that there was a transaction. Unless the Government... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI VISHVJIT P. SINGH : It is totally irrelevant.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Now, there are other matters, other than the loan, in this House... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA : The Government must come out with a statement. Why haven't they reacted ? Why is the Government keeping quiet ?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : He has reacted.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA : No. They have not responded... (*Interruptions*)... The whole lot of Ministers are sitting here the whole Government is here ... (*Interruptions*)... They cannot take this House for a ride in this matter like this... (*Interruptions*)...

श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय (उत्तर प्रदेश) : सारा देश प्रधान मंत्री के पुत्र की ओर शंका की दृष्टि से देख रहा है इसलिए सरकार को बयान देना चाहिए ...(व्यवधान)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : If you are not satisfied, we cannot help... (*Interruptions*)...

श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह : (बिहार) महोदया, हम लोगों को भी दो मिनट का मौका दे दीजिए ... (व्यवधान)

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI : Madam, will you please allow me to respond to what Mr. Salve said ?... (*Interruptions*)

श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह : मैं इस संबंध में कहना चाहता हूं कि . . .

उपसभापति : अब इस सम्बन्ध में आप कुछ न कहें तो बेहतर है इसलिए कि इस मामले में कोई डिसकशन हाउस के सामने नहीं है . . . **(व्यवधान)**

श्री दिग्विजय सिंह : दूसरे सदन में यह कहा गया है कि सरकार बयान देगी । इस सदन में क्यों नहीं कहा जा रहा है कि सरकार बयान देगी . . . **(व्यवधान)**

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : I do not know what happened in the other Sabha. I am not concerned with it... (*Interruptions*)... It is for the Government to say... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH : The Parliamentary Affairs Minister, Mr. V. C. Shukla has made a statement there... (*Interruptions*)... जब दूसरे सदन में बयान दिया जा रहा है तो आप यहां नहीं कह सकतीं हैं कि सरकार बयान दे . . . **(व्यवधान)**

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Madam, you should protect the rights of this House now... (*Interruptions*)...

श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह : जब कभी सरकार के ऊपर इस तरह का सवाल खड़ा हुआ है और जब कभी किसी प्रधान मंत्री का या प्रधान मंत्री के परिवार का या प्रधान मंत्री के बेटे का सवाल आया है तब तब दोनों सदनों में ये प्रश्न गम्भीरता से उठते रहे हैं । सवाल यहां यह पैदा होता है कि एक ओर प्रतिभूति घोटाले की चर्चा इतनी हो रही थी, जांच हो रही है और दूसरे समय यह जो प्रभाकर राव का मामला आया उसके बाद . . . **(व्यवधान)**

उपसभापति : अभी वह बंद करिये । प्रभाकर राव जी का नाम मत लीजिए । वे इस हाउस के मेम्बर नहीं हैं . . . आई कैन नाट एलाउ . . **(व्यवधान)**

श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह : सरकार असत्य बोलकर अगर सत्य को छिपाना चाहती है तो कभी भी सरकार सत्य को छिपा नहीं सकती है । इसलिए मैं चाहता हूं कि जिस तरह कमल मोरारका और दूसरे साथियों ने कहा कि इस बारे में सरकार को वक्तव्य देना चाहिए, बयान देना चाहिए । नहीं अगर सरकार बयान देती है तो हम यह समझते हैं कि प्रधान मंत्री, उनका बेटा और उनका परिवार कटघरे में खड़ा है . . . **(व्यवधान)**

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : To me that matter is closed now... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA : Madam, we must have... (*Interruptions*)... an assurance from the Government that they are coming out with a statement... (*Interruptions*)... They must come out with a statement... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : There must be a statement from the Government... (*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Mr. Das Gupta, you cannot speak from here... (*Interruptions*)... Please go back to your seat... (*Interruptions*)... Unless and until the Government comes forward, and makes a statement, to me, this matter is closed... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA : Madam, you cannot say that and it cannot be closed... (*Interruptions*)... Why is the Government not responding?... (*Interruptions*)... For one whole week this matter has been raised in this House... (*Interruptions*)... For one whole week repeatedly it is being raised and they are not in a position to say anything... (*Interruptions*)... They are a bunch of Ministers who cannot respond... (*Interruptions*)... They cannot come out with facts... (*Interruptions*)... They must respond. Otherwise, the proceedings of this House cannot go on ... (*Interruptions*)... They must respond ... (*Interruptions*... They must respond ... (*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Let Mrs. Alva come... (*Interuptions*)... There is no

Parliamentary Affairs Minister here. Until and unless Mrs. Alva comes and says, what can I say ?... (*Interruptions*) ...

SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH : Madam, we are being treated very badly in this House ... (*Interruptions*) ...

श्री जगदीश प्रसाद माथुर : (उत्तर प्रदेश) : साल्वे साहब ने कुछ कहा है । इसके बाद यह बात कन्फर्म हो गयी है कि ट्रांजेशक्न हुआ है ... (**व्यवधान**)

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : It seems they have access to the records of Hiten Dalal... (*Interruptions*)... Howe are they raising this questions ?... (*Interruptions*) ... This is a matter under investigation... (*Interruptions*) ...

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA : But I am a Member of this House... (*Interruptions*)...The Government must give an assurance that it is coming out with a statement... (*Interruptions*) ...

श्री जगदीश प्रसाद माथुर : : साल्वे साहब के वक्तव्य ने और प्रधान मंत्री ... (**व्यवधान**) को कटघरे में लाकर खड़ा कर दिया है ... (**व्यवधान**) हम लोग शांत नहीं होंगे ... (**व्यवधान**)

हमें स्पष्टीकरण चाहिए । साल्वे साहब के कहने के बाद यह साबित हो गया है कि प्रधान मंत्री का परिवार कटघरे में है । बजाय इसके कि साल्वे साहब का बयान ... (**व्यवधान**) कुछ बतलाता इन्होंने इसका कन्फर्मेशन कर दिया है । यदि न बोलते तो शायद न होता... (**व्यवधान**)

श्री दिग्विजय सिंह : साबित कैसे होगा यदि सत्य सामने नहीं आयेगा तो... ... (**व्यवधान**) आप यह इजाजत रही हैं नहीं दे ।

श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज : मैडम हम साबित करने को तो कह रहे हैं ... (**व्यवधान**) ये सच साबित करके क्यों नहीं कहते ... (**व्यवधान**)

SHRI P. UPENDRA : So much is being written in the newspapers. Why cann't they respond ?

श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज : मैडम यह सारी खबरें रोज आ रही हैं । ... (**व्यवधान**)

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI : Madam, it is true that there is a convention of the House that when a Minister wants to respond to something, you allow him to speak. You allowed him to speak. But it is equally a convention that we must have a brief response to what the Minister has said. The Minister explained to us a small accounting point. He is too well experienced in public life and in professional life not to know that crimes cannot be wiped out merely by manipulating books of a bank in a particular manner. And he knows that perfectly well. The question is not how the books are kept... (*Interruptions*) All white-collared crimes today are very sophisticated crimes. And you have to go behind the manner in which the books are kept. So...
(*Interruption*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Mr. Naryanasamy, just a minute. I have to find out. (*Interruptions*) Your point of order has got no meaning because... (*Interruptions*) Just a minute. Let me be heard. Mr. Narayanasamy, there was a mention in this House that in Lok Sabha, the Government has given an assurance to give a statements. You know that in the past statements have been made in the Lok Sabha and they were not made in the Rajya Sabha, and all of you were agitated about it. I have asked Mrs. Margaret Alva who is a Parliamentary Affairs Minister here to find cut if the Government has given a commitment in the other House to make a statement, and we can announce it here. Now, that is all. That is the enquiry. And she has gone to find out about it. And I request... (*Interruptions*) Just a minute. I request the Members that till Mrs. Margaret Alva comes to give us a reply, let us go ahead with the other business of the House.
(*Interruptions*)

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI : Madam, I want to make one thing clear that if a

statement or allegation of this kind is made against the Prime Minister, it is the duty of the Prime Minister to respond. (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Mr. Digvijay Singh, you can speak from your seat very loudly. Why do you come here ? (*Interruptions*)

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA : Whether the Government is making a statement in the other House or not, they have to make a statement here. (*Interruptions*) We are not concerned with what the Government is doing in the other House. We want a statement here. That is our right. We insist on it. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI : The newspapers are writing about it. And it is the duty of the Prime Minister to respond. The longer they take to refute it, the more confirmed will our suspicion be that there is something absolutely hanky-panky.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Now let me go ahead with the other business.

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI : ... He should remove this shadow as early as possible. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : The Prime Minister's son is involved in corruption. Jayalalitha has withdrawn support. One hundred of their own MPs have protested about Mr. Sharad Pawar's removal from the Cabinet. The Government is collapsing, Madam. Unless they react Madam ..... (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Now let me go ahead with the other business.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA : This Government has withered away. This Government cannot govern. It has withered away. If there is one Government in this world which has withered away, it is this Government.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Madam, they are the Members of the JPC...(*Interruptions*).

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA : My Membership of the JPC does not shut my mouth here.

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Membership of the JPC does not mean that our right as a Member here is abdicated.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA : Mr. Narayansamy, you show me the rule under which I cannot speak. (*Interruptions*) You do not know what has happened in the JPC. Do you know what we have done in the JPC ? You are not a Member of the JPC. How do you know what has happened in the JPC ?

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : The entire transaction is under the scrutiny of the JPC. How can he speak ? (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Order, please. (*Interruptions*) Will you please sit down ? The Parliamentary Affairs Minister is here...

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH : Is the Government going to make a statement ?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Please sit down, Mr. Dipen Ghosh...

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI : Now that the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs is here... (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Let me find out.

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI : In the interest of the very dignity of the Prime Minister's office, he should consent to make a statement. (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Mr. Shukla, it is being mentioned that the Government has committed or made a commitment in the other House that they are going to make a statement on the issue of ...

SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ : Prime Minister's son.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : ...not the Prime Minister's son, the matter they are raising here... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: The matter being raised is about the Prime Minister's son.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : It is about the gentleman who is alleged to have

taken a loan of Rs. 2 crores. So, the question raised was whether the Government is going to make a statement in the other House.

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES AND THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA) : No statement has been made in the other House and there is also no intention of the Government to make any statement either in this House or in the other House... (*Interruptions*). Let me complete. Madam, I should be allowed to complete my submission to the House. After that, with the permission of the Chair, Members can raise whatever matter they want to raise. I would like to state that Janakiraman Committee's report has appeared in the newspapers. We have seen it. We have also read the relevant portions of that report. It very clearly states whatever has happened in this particular matter. Prime Minister's name is absolutely unnecessarily being involved in this matter. Prime Minister has nothing to do with this matter at all and he is not, directly or indirectly, connected ...(*Interrupions.*) Let me complete my submission. I should be allowed to complete.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Mr. Morarka, please. You wanted the Government to react. When the Government reacts, it is your prime responsibility and your dignity to allow him to speak.

SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA : The name of the Prime Minister of India should not be dragged in and if anybody is trying to drag it in, it is absolutely unfair and it is totally unfounded. I would like to emphatically deny everything that has been said about the Prime Minister in this particular matter.

Madam, a complaint was made by the Liaison Officer of Andhra Bank to the C. B. I. on 14th December in pursuance of various things that had happened and the C.B.I. took up investigation into this matter right away. They are at present investigating into the matter and all the reports will be submitted to the JPC and relevant bodies which have to handle this matter. I would request you, and through you the House, to be a little patient about it because Government has nothing to hide in this matter. We would like to share everything in our possession, with the House. We would like to share everything with you. We do not want to hide anything because we are also totally committed and concerned to go to the bottom of this matter and find out if anything irregular has been done or any violation of the rules and regulations has been committed by anybody, and if anybody has done it—he may be a relation of anybody in this country—proper and strong and hard action will be taken against that individual. If any law has been broken or any regulation has been violated or any irregularity has been committed, the Government will take the harshest possible action against that particular individual. The enquiry by the C. B. I. is going on on the complaint made by Andhra Bank. That enquiry will be completed very soon and as soon as the enquiry is completed, further action will be taken. Unnecessarily on the basis of the press reports, if things are raised here, it is not only unfair to the person concerned, but it is also unfair to the House to raise such matters in this manner. Unnecessarily and totally without justification, the Prime Minister's name is being dragged in which I must strongly and with all the emphasis at my command repudiate.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : The matter is close. The matter is over now.

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : How can the C.B.I. investigate ? (*Interruptions*). In 1987, exactly similar statements were made....(*Interruptions.*)

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE (Maharashtra) : Madam, I have also given a notice.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Yes, I will allow.

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : What kind of investigation... (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : The matter is over now. Members were agitated for a couple of days and you wanted...

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Agitated we still are.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : You can be agitated. It is your freedom. I cannot stop your agitation. But the thing is, you were agitated ; a lot of the time of the House was taken on it. In response to your sentiments, the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, Mr. Shukla made the Government's position clear. Now, whehter you are satisfied or not satisfied is not the question. But I will not permit anything more on this...

Let us now go ahead with other Business. Mr. Bhandare please. (*Interruptions*).

SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ : The hon. Minister has not said anything in regard to the Prime Minister's son. He only made a statement... (*Interruptions*).

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Mr. Bhandare please. (*Interruptions*)

SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ : The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs has said only about the non-involvement of the Prime Minister. But what about the Prime Minister's Son ?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : If I have heard him correctly... (*Interruptions*) Mr. Shastri, please sit down. (*Interruptions*) I am not permitting anything on it.

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE. Madam, my Special Mention is there. (*Interruptions*)

श्री विष्णु कांत शास्त्री (उत्तर प्रदेश) : महोदया, जैसे दोफोर्स काण्ड को छिपाने के लिए एक सीधा-सपाट वक्तव्य दे दिया गया था उसी तरह से . . . (**व्यवधान**) . .

श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज : आरोप किसी के बारे में और बरी किसी को कर रहे हैं । मैडम, आरोप लगाया गया प्रधान मंत्री के पुत्र के बारे में, बरी कर रहे हैं प्रधान मंत्री को ।

उपसभापति : आप बैठिए तो, एक मिनिट मेरी बात सुन लीजिए ।

श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज : हमने प्रधान मंत्री पर आरोप लगाया ही नहीं है । प्रधान मंत्री जी के पुत्र के बारे में मंत्री जी का क्या कहना है ?

उपसभापति : जैसा मैंने शुक्ल जी को सुना, उन्होंने कहा कि इस मामले की जांच-पड़ताल सी० बी० आई० कर रही है और मामले के बारे में जो भी लोग इनवाल्व हैं, उन्होंने यह क्लिअरली कहा कि अगर वह दोषी पाया गया तो जरूर उसके ऊपर एक्शन होगा । अब बात खत्म हो गयी ।

श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज : मैडम, सरकार ने दोषी पाए गए लोगों में से आज तक किसी को नहीं पकड़ा । यह एक रस्मी बयान है । हमको स्पेसिफिक बयान चाहिए, रस्मी बयान नहीं चाहिए ।

SPECIAL MENTIONS

Observance of International Women's Day

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE (Maharashtra) : Madam, I want to raise this very important issue, namely, the International Women's Day.

Monday, the 8th March, was observed as the International Women's Day, all over the world. The last two days were holidays. I am, therefore, taking the earliest opportunity to associate myself and my esteemed colleagues, including Sushmaji, with the spirit and purpose of observance of the day, to support the cause of women for equality and independence with dignity.

Fortunately for us, the commitment to women's development is deeply rooted in our Constitution. Equality of sexes before the law, guaranteed under article 14 of the Constitution, is one of the basic and most important Fundamental Rights. Article 15(1) not only abjures any discrimination against women on the basis of sex, but article 15(3) legitimises positive discrimination in favour of women and children.